



Postsecondary Education NEWS FROM FRANKFORT

News Update from the Council on Postsecondary Education

2006 Legislative Session Begins

The 2006 Kentucky General Assembly convened in Frankfort for its annual legislative session on January 3, 2006. Governor Fletcher will deliver the State of the Commonwealth address on January 9 and his budget address on January 17. The Council has developed a special legislative section of its Web site to share advocacy tools, detail budget priorities, and communicate ongoing news and updates throughout the 2006 session. For more information, [visit the 2006 legislative session home page of the Council Web site.](#)

Council on Postsecondary Education identifies strategic priorities for 2006-08 budget request

On November 7, 2005, the Council approved budget recommendations for the 2006-08 biennium. The budget request is focused, but ambitious. It is built around priority areas that are essential to continued progress in meeting the goals of reform legislation and the public agenda for postsecondary and adult education. For more detailed information, [view strategic priorities of the budget request on the Council Web site.](#)

\$6 million in knowledge-based economy funds awarded to Kentucky start-up businesses and university research in FY06

The Kentucky Science and Technology Corporation and the Council on Postsecondary Education recently announced 105 awards totaling \$6 million for business start-ups and faculty research for the first half of this fiscal year. Since 2001, KSTC has distributed 765 awards totaling \$31.4 million throughout the Commonwealth. For more information, [view the complete news release on the Council Web site.](#)

Study shows majority of students entering Kentucky colleges are underprepared

A study released by the Council on Postsecondary Education found that 54 percent of students entering a public Kentucky postsecondary institution in 2002 were underprepared for college level mathematics, reading, and/or English. This rate was lower for students who were recent graduates of a Kentucky high school at 48 percent. The highest percentage of lack of preparation was in the area of mathematics. For more information, [view the complete news release on the Council Web site.](#)

Literacy levels of Kentucky adults comparable to those in other states

The 2003 State Assessment of Adult Literacy released last month by the Council on Postsecondary Education-Kentucky Adult Education reveals that the literacy of Kentucky adults is similar to the literacy of adults across the country, both for the general population and for certain population groups. Kentucky was one of six states to invest in individual state reports from the National Center on Education Statistics in conjunction with the 2003 National Assessment of Adult Literacy. The Council expects to release county-level adult literacy data in spring 2006. For more information, [view the complete news release on the Council Web site.](#)



January 6, 2006
IN THIS ISSUE

- ◆ 2006 Legislative Session Begins
- ◆ Council on Postsecondary Education identifies strategic priorities for 2006-08 budget request
- ◆ \$6 million in knowledge-based economy funds awarded to Kentucky start-up businesses and university research in FY06
- ◆ Study shows majority of students entering Kentucky colleges are underprepared.
- ◆ Literacy levels of Kentucky adults comparable to those in other states

To receive News From Frankfort e-mail updates, contact Kimberly Drummond at Kimberly.Drummond@ky.gov

